

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**APPLICANT:** Kanzler et al. **GROUP:** Unknown  
**SERIAL NO:** Unknown **EXAMINER:** Unknown  
**FILED:** Herewith  
**FOR:** PISTE-MAINTENANCE TRACKLAYING VEHICLE

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

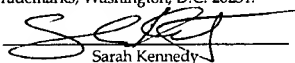
Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 1, insert - BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --;

line 1, after vehicle insert therefore -- . --;

lines 1 - 16, delete "comprising an internal combustion engine which is drivingly connected, preferably via a gear, to a drive sprocket of each track, and accessory drives for additional devices that are mountable on the piste-maintenance vehicle, such as rotary snow plow, front snow plow blower, or the like, and/or for vehicle components, such as a tilting device for platform and driver's cab or for track tensioning.

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